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Archie Stouffer Elementary School students carry a banner of Terry Fox during the school's Terry Fox run along Bobcaygeon Road on Friday, Sept. 23. See more photos on page 8. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Bookapalooza turns page on first chapter

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

A new chapter is being written for the Haliburton Highlands when it comes to an event that appeals to writers and readers

since the successful launch of Bookapalooza.

With 125 people who came to the first-ever free admission event on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Minden Community Centre, the organizing committee was happy about the turnout for what they described as a "tradeshow event" that brought together readers, writers

and editors from within Haliburton County and surrounding areas.

"Overall, it went really well. We've got lots of good feedback from our exhibitors. We think it's a good start for the first year of an event. We're pleased with the way things went," Kathy Purc, writer and organizing

committee member said. "We did run into some issues that we weren't expecting, but we'll know next time how to overcome those before we event get into them."

She added these were minor issues for the event held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., which see HIGHLANDS page 4

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ELECTION 2022

Here are your Minden Hills candidates on the Oct. 24 ballot. Already acclaimed were Mayor Bob Carter, Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell, and Bob Sisson, councillor for Ward 3.

Tammy McKelvey, for Councillor-at-Large



My husband and I have lived in Minden our entire lives. I enjoyed a 39-year career in municipal administration and treasury within the County of Haliburton before retiring in 2019. Municipal government has always been of interest and the utmost importance to me. This has motivated me to run for the Councillor-at-Large position in Minden Hills. I am committed to sharing my knowledge and experience for the betterment of our community.

The most important issue facing our community is lack of housing. I will think outside the box to encourage housing opportunities. I will encourage additional waste reduction opportunities in an effort to reduce waste management costs.

A primary economic engine of our beautiful area is our lakes. I will continue to advocate for the septic re-inspection program, ensuring follow-up is completed for any failing systems. The program is not effective without that follow up.

I will bring my experience, a voice of reason, a common-sense approach, and exemplary municipal financial management skills to the council meetings. I will advocate for long term sustainable financial management and work with my colleagues at the council table collectively to make effective change to the budget priorities in this township.

Trevor Chaulk, for Councillor-at-large



I have been a resident for 17 years. I started a successful cabinetry company in Minden and have a great deal of business, financial, and human resources experience. I have a passion for the area as my wife and I have three boys we are raising in our community. I have discussed the good and bad of things that are happening around us locally.

There have been many issues that have been talked about during past election campaigns and we have seen very little change.

We have noticed a steady decline in our local workforce. Many people are struggling to make ends meet. Our area is in the running for highest poverty in Ontario.

We need housing if we are to attract a local year-round workforce and businesses. In many cases, this starts with renting or purchasing something affordable and having affordable and accessible options for daycare in order to work.

Another concern is our seniors struggling to get the services they need daily. This includes, transportation, daily medical care/support, social activities, basic handywork done on their properties.

I believe we need to preserve our lakes and waterways. The county has proposed to hire bylaw enforcement officers, but we haven't been able to find a local planner or fill many other positions in townships and at the county level.

Ivan Ingram, for Ward 1 Councillor



I was born in Newmarket, moved to Minden with my parents and my three sisters in 1968. I worked for the Township of Minden Hills for almost 32 years. I have a unique knowledge of how things are run as an employee as well as upper-level management. I can share that knowledge with my fellow councillors and hopefully use some of it to make better informed decisions that affect all taxpayers. I grew up in Minden and I love this town and I love the people that live here. I want to have a part in giving back to the community and helping it grow over the next four years. Included among the important issues facing residents is attainable and affordable housing through federal, provincial funding opportunities, and private partnerships. Allow trailers as a permitted use on vacant or occupied land and tax them accordingly. Promote tiny homes. Amending the zoning bylaw. I'll support seasonal and year-round residents, business owners. Minden Hills needs change, fresh ideas, communication and engagement with taxpayers, revitalization in many areas around the community, and fiscal responsibility to meet the community's needs.

I believe this shoreline preservation bylaw will remain a live document for some time. I agree with what the county has passed but, as bylaw enforcement is implemented, I expect it will be revisited.

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Shirley Johannassen, for Ward 1 Councillor



Before we settled up here, we were cottagers on Brady Lake and fell in love with the area. We eventually moved up in 2006 when we purchased a business in Algonquin Highlands which we have since sold.

So many residents have stated we need new people with a fresh perspective and I started to consider running. I believe in serving our community and have no personal agenda. I asked family, friends, customers, and residents and was surprised at the overwhelming support and encouragement I received.

If elected, I will be your voice and your ears. I will listen to all your concerns and commit to gain agreement, education, or negation if warranted by our town. I do not have a personal agenda. I just would like to serve the community and be your voice.

There are so many concerns that we need to address: Road and other infrastructure maintenance, including boat launches and boardwalks. Protecting our community's natural beauty and shorelines without increasing government encroachment on property rights. Regarding poverty and housing, I would talk to professionals involved in residential rentals and seek new ways to partner with others for multi-use development.

I will advocate for you and your family and seek to put honor and trust back into public service.

ELECTION 2022

Richard Bradley, for Ward 1 Councillor



I have been coming to Minden for the entirety of my life, starting when I used to spend summer weekends and weeks with my grandmother. My partner, Sandra, and I made the choice to move our family to Minden from Toronto in 2001 when we purchased our first home near the centre of town. We believed that Minden was a community where we could raise our children with a quality of life that we desired and aspired to have.

I have been interested in local politics since I was in my youth when I often heard my neighbour Bill Valentine tell stories about local issues and the importance of giving back to and serving the community.

I hear a lot about roads and road maintenance, affordable housing, fair taxation, protecting the environment, and continued access to local health care.

I want to serve the residents of Ward 1 by treating each individual or group with respect, dignity, and civility while advocating for them and helping people find reasonable, practical and, when possible, negotiated solutions to issues that may arise within the purview of the municipality.

Incumbent Pam Sayne, for Ward 2 Councillor



I first owned a cottage on Black Lake. In 1998, we purchased a year-round home in Moore Falls, just three kilometres from the cottage. Thus, I am part of the seasonal and year-round community.

I decided to run for a third term when many community members asked me to. I received good feedback for my role on council and for bringing our issues to the provincial government. See psayne.ca.

There are many critical issues brought to me by residents. We share many issues

with other rural municipalities. I am working on the housing crisis, broadband internet connectivity, health and wellbeing (including long-term care, transportation, and environment), access to services, growth and development planning, labour retention and attraction, and climate change. These issues are interrelated.

I would like to mentor and encourage people who are interested in politics. My focus is assisting residents in knowing how governance works so they can engage effectively in changes. Governance is complex with many jurisdictions under law. I want to take the divisive platitudes and conflicts out of governance. I want to contribute to a healthy, peaceful, and strong sense of community.

Stephen Hertel, for Ward 2 Councillor



I have been a long-time seasonal resident for more than 10 years and a full-time resident for the last six years, located near the Moore Falls area in Ward 2 of our township. I decided a long time ago that, when the next election comes, I'd put my name and experience forward to run in my Ward 2 after not being happy or satisfied with how things were running. My passion for the area and its residents (full-time and seasonal) is paramount because I love

everything about life in Haliburton County.

To name one issue of importance wouldn't be fair because there are so many collective issues as well as individual issues. Taking care of our people and our lands is paramount. Economic growth through local businesses, jobs, health care, seniors, transportation, employee retention, training and education, infrastructure, and emergency services.

My main focus is a people first formula that includes everyone and our environment. People need and deserve better integrity, accountability, transparency, and trust for their elected officials. I will always be there for them even if the issues involve unpopular or hard decisions. My dedication to equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) for everyone has been a cornerstone in my life.

This is a nutshell of what you will get with me as Ward 2 councillor.

Eligible candidates were contacted for profile photos and copy and those who responded by the deadline are included here. See www.mindenhillsc.ca for more election information and list of candidates.

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(VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Members of the Public will participate electronically, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

September 29 – Regular Council Meeting
October 13 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at mindenhillsc.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting; please download by visiting our website at mindenhillsc.ca/council/. Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting.

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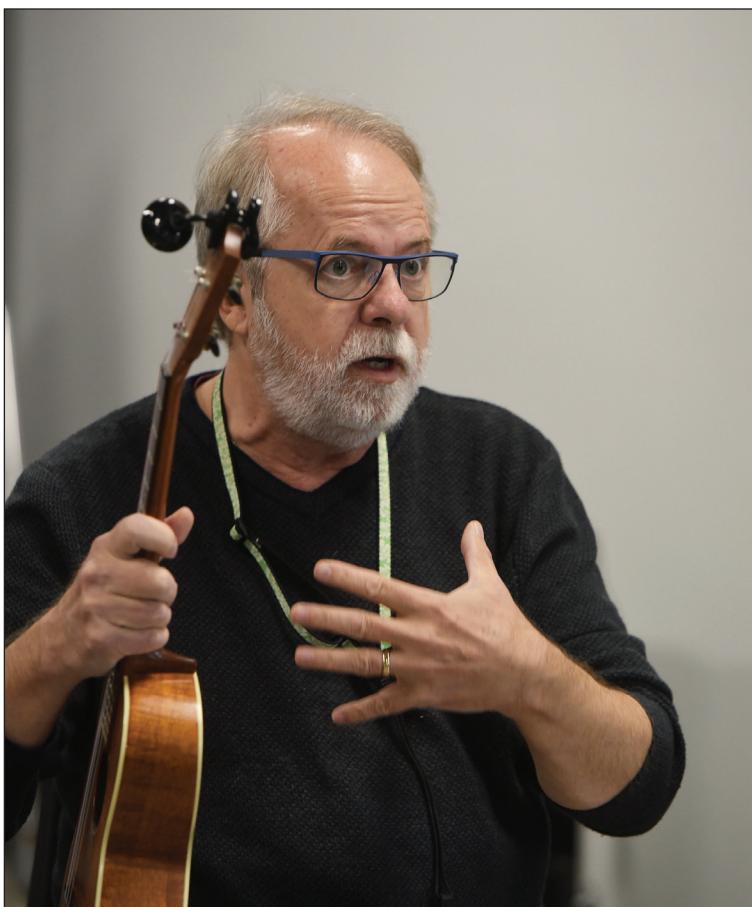
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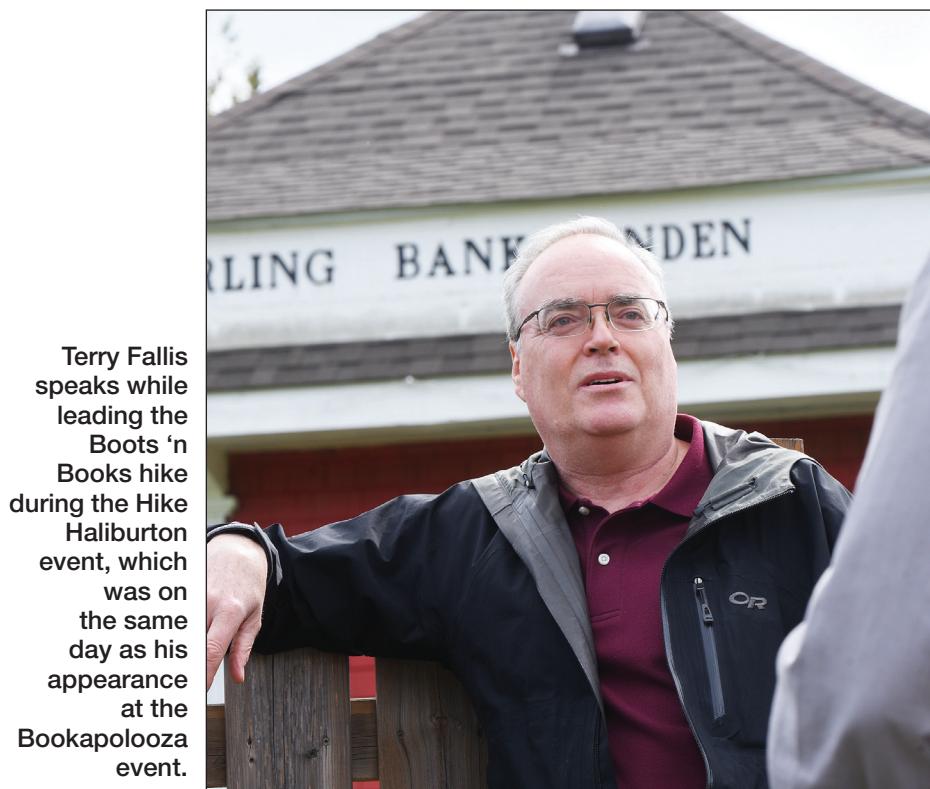
HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Saturday, October 15th 7:30AM to 11:30AM, bring your hazardous waste items to the Minden Community Centre (55 Parkside Street). Paints, aerosols, batteries, cleaners, fluorescent bulbs and more will be accepted. Please visit mindenhillsc.ca/landfill for a full list of items.



Songwriter Jim Love speaks with a group about his process during the Bookapalooza.

Picking up a “blind date” was one way to go home with a book during the Bookapalooza on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Minden Community Centre. These books, which were donated by members of the organizing committee, were available for free to those who came to the first-ever Bookapalooza. /DARREN LUM Staff



Terry Fallis speaks while leading the Boots 'n Books hike during the Hike Haliburton event, which was on the same day as his appearance at the Bookapalooza event.



With six hours, Bookapalooza offered the public the opportunity to meet with authors and editors.

Highlands shows its love for literacy

from page 1

were handled on the day.

Purc said people appreciated how well organized the event, which boasted 36 exhibitors, was and the variety on offer, which included the different genres of literature represented, the informative presentations, the attendance of writers for adult and children's literature, including a dedicated children's area, the Haliburton and District Lions' Children's Book Nook with public readings and where free books were available.

In addition to the opportunities to meet with writers and editors the public could pick up a “blind date,” which were free books, wrapped with a blank cover and had a written witty caption on them. These books were donated by members of the organizing committee. What wasn’t taken at the event was donated to the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL).

As a writer, Purc appreciated being able to network with other writers and readers. She learned event goers welcomed the opportunity to be inspired and to learn from professionals during the presentations about how to start their own writing

projects.

“Some people said, yes, I’ve been thinking about writing and you’ve encouraged me to do it,” she said.

The event included award-winning novelist, Terry Fallis.

Fallis, author of such books as *The Best Laid Plans* and his most recent effort, *Operation Angus* drew dozens of people to his evening time slot from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Big Book Club. The HCPL’s CEO Chris Stephenson interviewed the Canadian author, who provided an insight into his writing process, political and personal background. Purc appreciated learning how he explained his writing process, which includes developing an outline over a series of months before he sits down to write the book that typically only takes a few months. She believes this could be an approach she could adopt to be far more efficient when compared to what she has done.

“It’s the ‘pantser’ versus the planner ... writing by the seat of your pants versus writing with an outline,” she said, laughing. “I’m more of a pantser, but I think I’d like to be more of a planner.”

Fallis also led a hike close to the community centre, which was part of the Hike Haliburton event held from the past

Friday to Sunday throughout the Highlands.

Purc said she encourages public’s input for next year’s event, which can be delivered to the Arts Council who can forward it to the Bookapalooza organizing committee. The organizing committee will meet next week and discuss what worked and what didn’t to figure out plans for next year.

This event was sponsored by Haliburton Reads & Writes and The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands in partnership with the Haliburton Lions Club, Haliburton County Public Library, and Hike Haliburton, it is funded in-part by the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Purc said the community really came out for this event.

“There’s a lot of people interested in writing and ... certainly a lot of readers, especially the families with young children. I think a lot of people responded because the media coverage was really good for Bookapalooza, and the advertising,” she said.

There were readers and writers interested in the event and proved to be “a supportive community as they always are.”

Corridor reopening is ‘huge thing for winter tourism’

Pine Springs section of the “B” trail from Carnarvon to Bracebridge will open

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

During the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association’s (HCSA) annual general meeting on Sept. 17, president John Enright announced the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs’ (OFSC) “B” trail is reopening between Bracebridge and Carnarvon after years of closure.

“This is the biggest thing to happen in Haliburton snowmobiling in the last five years,” Enright said. “This will be a huge thing for winter tourism in Haliburton County.”

Enright explained that the “B” trail is essentially a trans-Ontario route for snowmobiles and ATVs to make it from Goderich across the province to Quebec.

This part of the trail was severed by a washout.

“Haliburton County and Muskoka are among the top places to snowmobile in Ontario. Having an alternate route to the “B” trail that was less than satisfactory and not as safe was not ideal. We’re so excited to hopefully have more snow so that we can have more visitors coming from the west,” Enright said.

A new seven-foot-wide culvert is set to be installed on Pine Springs Road where the washout occurred.

“We have every expectation that it will be open for the coming season,” Enright said.

The project is made possible by a group



effort between HCSA, OFSC, Bancroft Minden Forest Company, Haliburton ATV Association, and Ontario Federation of 4WD Recreationists.

President of the Haliburton ATV Association Joel Bocknek said to the Echo, “This is very exciting news, and the work has been long overdue. This section of trail along Pine Springs Road is a vital link to several of our trails that branch off from Pine Springs Road. This link makes it possible for ATVers and other ORV enthusiasts to readily and safely access these other trails regardless if they are novice or experienced riders.”

At the HCSA AGM, members celebrated the 51st anniversary of the association at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

Among announcing the reopening of the Pine Springs section of the “B” trail, the

meeting highlighted successes and challenges from their past snowmobile season and looked forward to the upcoming year.

From the trail report

The “B” Trail has a new reroute from the north end of Haliburton Lake into the forest to Ross Lake Road. This part of the trail is a \$10,000 project.

HCSA trail 7 has been rerouted back to its original route approaching Pickett Lake. This trail is also rerouted in a second location from Hilltop Road to the Ontario Hydro Corridor.

On Trail 10, \$5,000 is being used for bridge improvement.

There will be a closure in the OFSC B112 route from the South Lake bridge to Hospitality Road. A reroute will take sledgers across South Lake.

“Minden would be cut off to riders if this reroute didn’t happen. This is one of the most challenging areas in the province to build trails because of road allowances, private properties, and lakes,” Enright said. “We’re fortunate enough to have community acceptance and private land owners who allow us to have trails on their properties.”

HCSA volunteers and staff

The association withstood two difficult years during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The past year was difficult for trail conditions with only one significant snowfall throughout the whole season.

“It was not the best year for consistent snow. We had two trails that weren’t open

last year,” Enright said.

Acquiring more volunteers and staff was a main theme of the meeting.

“We all have one thing in common,” Enright said about current HCSA volunteers, “Grey hair. We need some younger volunteers to share as little or as most time they can. Any amount of time is helpful.”

Noah Black received the Groomer Operator of the Year award for the 2022 year.

Scott and Sherri Patterson and their children received the Family of the Year award.

Brad Griffin received the Volunteer of the Year award.

The HCSA board has 10 members. Cole Finlay and Ted Roberts were re-elected, and Paul Wilson, Sheri Patterson, Rob McTeague were newly elected to the board at the AGM.

More groomer operators are also needed for the 2022-2023 season to maintain the association’s trails.

Enright commemorated two HCSA volunteers, Bill Wilson and Ron Fitch, who was also on the board of directors, who both passed away in 2022.

To learn more about HCSA and purchase trail passes for the 2023 season, visit hcsa.ca.

“I just want to say what an honour it’s been for me to be president,” Enright said. “We’re a great big neighbourhood watch. Let’s everybody be our neighbourhood watch.”

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Drop the mask, open your heart

SEEING THE faces of the children in the Terry Fox Run for Archie Stouffer Elementary School it's easy to see the happiness. Perhaps I'm naive, but children are honest with their feelings.

It's a lot more difficult to know what emotion is being exhibited when it comes to adults.

We smile. We laugh. Our eyes widen. Are we happy?

It seems we all develop the method of hiding how we feel. We become adept at hiding behind our masks of protection for ourselves and others. No one really wants to hear the sordid details of life, particularly the mucky bits with no answers and only questions. Most interactions include the ubiquitous greeting, "Hi, how are you?"

We know when this is said an answer of depth isn't necessarily forthcoming as much as the "Good, and you?" response.

I'm guilty of this at times with certain people I don't know well. In some ways nothing's wrong with that. We can't share our entire day of woe with everyone.

Since the pandemic was at its height people seem to be carrying more anxiety and stress. The manner in which we carry ourselves has changed. The ways in which we interact with others has changed.

One area I've noticed this is in dating. Communication is one area that has vastly changed since I last dated about 10 years ago, which was in-person or speaking on the phone. Texting was a chore. Now, there are a series of messages exchanged through (take your pick of) electronic correspondence, which precedes any in-person date. It's a vetting process for both individuals. This has its merits. However, one aspect that leaves me wanting is when

a connection isn't there and rather than send a message indicating the end there is a dead silence left. It's what is known as "ghosting." There's also the "slow ghost," which is when an agreement to meet up or take a call is accepted, but is followed before the date by a subsequent note about an inability to meet up. As a recipient, you accept the reason as fact until upon another request and another rejection you realize the disinterested person isn't outright rejecting you but they are. Maybe I'm being harsh, but it's not clear and it's not honest. I'm not sure if this serves anyone. That said, we all have our habits and reasons for acting the way we do. Habits die hard.

And, I suppose if everyone is familiar with this approach than who am I to question it?

Perhaps it isn't just in dating that communication has changed. It's across the board. Maybe people want to avoid the messy parts of life. All of this is happening in a world that is muddled by the myriad of methods of communication options at our finger tips. Too much

choice leaves people silent. It has the potential to turn people colder in a world that is showing itself to be less caring than what I grew up with. I appreciate hearing a person or seeing a person.

I'm sure I've made mistakes in communication. I hope I learned from these lessons. I believe I deserve honesty and will do my part to be pay this forward to others because in a world of carefully curated beautiful images and snapshots of wonder conveyed on electronic screens we see on our smartphones it's important to know what's real. I know my actions are mere drips in a sea of behaviour exhibited by many. Taking on hopeless causes is my cross to bear and I'm willing to put myself out there in the hopes it can turn the tide. I'd be inauthentic to who I am and represent if I did anything different.



DARREN LUM
Editor

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"My last live stream surgery scored 82% on Rotten Tomatoes."

How to properly miss a duck

THE OTHER day it occurred to me that there have been countless articles written on the shooting techniques a duck hunter can use to hit a duck in mid-air, but I can't think of one that has been written on how to miss a duck.

So, in the interest of conservation, I thought I would make an attempt.

Not to brag, but I am one of North America's foremost experts on missing flying waterfowl. I have been doing it, more often than not, for 45 years.

And just to be clear, I'm not referring to just missing a lone green-winged teal, coming out of the fog, and rocketing past your ears just over the cattails. Heck, anyone can miss those. No, I have missed the snow goose I was shooting at, and the 400 or 500 behind it. I think most waterfowlers would agree that takes a special level of skill.

So far, this season, I will admit, I have been off my game. And, as a result, and through no fault of my own, my freezer is starting to be occupied with tasty ducks – including several teal and wood ducks that were hellbent on wrecking my missing streak.

But, normally, for me, missing is effortless. In fact, there was one season – I believe in 1978 – when I was so good at it my fellow hunters accused me of shooting blanks.

So much for credentials. It's time for solid advice. Let's begin with the basics.

If you are not very good at missing a duck, one of the easiest ways to succeed is to see a lone mallard with cupped wings coming straight into the decoys and then confidently announcing, "I got this one fellas!"



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

The more fellas there are, the surer you are to miss.

A similar technique involves telling everyone in the duck blind or goose field that you have not missed a single clay pigeon on the last six times you visited the range. I once tried this and missed three shots in a row on a flock of 60 decoying goldeneyes.

Those are a couple of simple techniques even the most amateurish misser can use. And they work like a charm on small flocks.

Missing your intended target in a larger flock takes a little more skill, however. One popular technique is to forget to take the safety off. Unfortunately, it is one I wouldn't recommend because it could lead to a sprained trigger finger, when the birds are hovering over the decoys and you are wondering why your gun has not shot yet,

No, I prefer to use a technique I pioneered long ago called the sustained lag. While most hunters try to continually keep their shotgun's bead ahead of a flying bird to lead it, a serious conservationist, such as myself, allows the bird to lead the bead. This can be trickier when a large flock is flying by. I once saw a fellow hit the third bird in a flock of three geese because he performed a sustained lag on the first. That's why I recommend picking the last bird in any flock when utilizing this technique.

Again, I'm not meaning to brag, but I'm what people call a natural at missing. Some people have to work a little harder. And some hunters pride themselves in never missing at all. Until they say that out loud.

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Waiting for the ‘big one’

THUNDER BAY, Ontario – I’m sitting on the Hillcrest Park stone wall overlooking the city where I was born and raised. The view of Lake Superior and the Sleeping Giant is magnificent, as always.

So are the memories. Except for one.

I can see into downtown and the side street that once housed my favourite pool room. That brings a painful memory.

I was leaving the pool hall one day in the early 1960s when the air raid siren began blaring. Canada’s national defence department had installed air raid sirens in strategic cities across the country to alert citizens of a nuclear attack. Those were Cuban missile crisis-Cold War times.

We had been told that when we heard the air raid siren we should take cover wherever we could find it. I dived under a bus stop bench down the street from the pool room.

The siren was just a test, but finding cover was considered good practice for the real event.

The air raid sirens were dismantled in the 1970s because missile technology was so advanced that a strike could occur 15 minutes after launch, instead of

four hours in the 1960s.

So here we are 50 or 60 years later, once again hearing nuclear strike threats.

Earlier this month the New York emergency management office released a short online video showing New Yorkers the steps they should take if “the big one has hit.”

Emergency officials said the likelihood of a nuclear attack is “very low,” but if so, why release a video telling people what to do when a mushroom cloud obliterates the city?

The fact is that chances of a nuclear attack are increasing rapidly.

Sad Vlad Putin, the lunatic with his finger on the nuclear buttons, said the other day that he will “make use of all weapon systems available” if need be. “This is not a bluff,” he added.

“The horsemen of the apocalypse” are on their way, the equally crazy Dmitry Medvedev, said recently. Medvedev is a former Russian prime minister, now a security council chief.

He also says Russia’s nuclear doctrine does not require it to be struck first before launching its own nuclear warheads.

Russia is said to have 6,000 nuclear warheads, the world’s largest nuclear bomb stockpile. Threats of using them have increased as Putin’s disastrous invasion of Ukraine has heightened his humiliation over how badly it has gone for him.

Putin is a kleptocrat and trained killer who has a reputation for becoming more vicious the tighter he is pushed into a corner. The fear is that if he is pushed much farther, he will make good on the threats.

“I fear that they will strike back now in really unpredictable ways,” Rose Gottemoeller, a former deputy secretary-general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), told the BBC recently. “And ways that may even involve weapons of mass destruction.” Some commentators say nuclear strikes would be only with dialed down tactical nuclear weapons. The experts call these non-strategic weapons because they don’t take out large cities and kill millions in surrounding areas.

As I sit staring out over the city and the 30 kilometres of water separating the downtown and the rocky Sleeping Giant peninsula, I recall the legend of Nanabijou.

The local Indigenous people referred to the Sleeping Giant as Nanabijou. They said Nanabijou guarded a silver-rich little island known as Silver Islet.

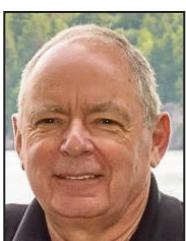
If any intruders tried to reach the island to dig its valued silver, Nanabijou would awaken and roar with thunder, toss lightning bolts and blow destructive winds.

These were warnings that invading Nanabijou’s territory to steal the silver would mean certain death.

Stealing the valuable silver from the little island the Giant protects, is an issue no longer. But I like to think that when the Giant throws a summer tantrum across Thunder Bay, it is warning of something bad to happen.

Nanabijou’s roar is still loud and shrill, its lightning bolts still sharp and the winds still powerful enough to whip Lake Superior into giant waves.

When the nukes start flying – non-strategic or not – Nanabijou will still be around to roar. The trouble is, no one will be left to listen.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

letters to the editor

Meeting the Queen

To the Editor,

In 1984, the Queen arrived at the Toronto Harbour on her Royal Yacht Britannia.

Brian Mulroney was prime minister. My nephew Bill Pristanski was his executive assistant. The prime minister’s wife, Mila Mulroney thought some of Bill’s family should have the opportunity to meet the Queen. Bill’s dad, Julian got that chance. Since my sister Lorna had just passed away in 1983, Julian invited me to be his escort.

We went to a hotel in Toronto to learn the etiquette on meeting royalty. Then we were driven to the enlarged parking lot (now empty) after dressing in our formal attire. A crowd waved to us as we left the limo at the gangplank. Before going up, I said “My gloves are soiled.”

“Not to worry” was the reply. “The queen has her gloves on!”

I boarded and was followed by Julian. The

Queen is short with very blue eyes. I remembered my etiquette as I met the Duke. She spoke to Julian: “Are you from Toronto?”

Julian said “No, I’m from Sault Ste-Marie”.

The Queen said, “I shall have to visit there the next time I’m in Canada!”

I visited with the crew.

“How long is your time? How were you chosen?”

The Queen had us all move to the side of the yacht to watch the ceremony of the Royal Grenadiers in their Busbys. Very impressive! We then disembarked.

I had worn my turquoise “Mother of the Bride Dress” with my late sister’s mink short jacket and long white gloves. Julian wore a tux as did nephew, Bill.

Lois Rigney
Minden

Demand effective climate emission caps

To the Editor,

The government of Canada welcomes your help in choosing “Options to Cap and Cut Oil and Gas Sector Greenhouse Gas Emissions to Achieve 2030 Goals and Net-Zero by 2050.” You still have time to meet this Friday’s deadline (Sept. 30th).

Your voice does matter. Don’t count on Hurricane Fiona having necessary lasting influence. The fossil fuel industry is very aware of and afraid of our power, should enough of us decide to wield it together. Their lobbying front, the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, is in daily contact with our elective representatives and senior civil servants. And yes, “the squeaky wheel has gotten the oil!” – so far!

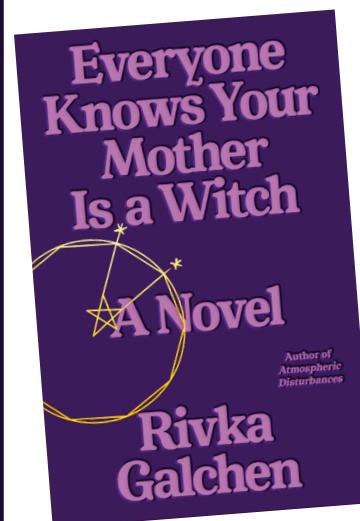
No time to research and write your own letter? No problem, here are two citizen groups’ petitions you may consider: www.leadnow.ca/



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HCPL's Book of the Month - October



Town busybody Katharina is an illiterate widow, known by her neighbors for her herbal remedies and the success of her children, including her eldest, Johannes, the Imperial Mathematician.

When an unpleasant neighbour accuses Katharina of being a witch, however, trouble ensues. Her son must turn his attention from the music of the spheres to the job of defending his mother. Facing the threat of financial ruin, torture, and even execution, Katharina tells her side of the story to Simon, a reclusive widower imperiled by his own secrets.

Drawing on real historical documents but infused with the intensity of imagination, sly humor, and intellectual fire for which Rivka Galchen is known, *Everyone Knows Your Mother Is a Witch* is the story of how a community becomes implicated in collective aggression and hysterical fear. A novel touchingly illuminating how a society and a family are undone by superstition, the state, and the mortal convulsions of history. Check it out from the HCPL today.



Walk of hope

Archie Stouffer Elementary School students walked the street of Bobcaygeon Road and part of the Minden Riverwalk Trail in honour of Terry Fox and to raise money for cancer research on Friday, Sept. 23. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Classes of Archie Stouffer Elementary School students left the school just after 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 23 for their Terry Fox Run.



An ASES student sports a temporary Terry Fox tattoo during the school's walk along the Minden Riverwalk.



Two friends walk along the Minden Riverwalk Trail.

Jumping into a new year

Secretary Michelle Allore and principal Mike Gervais grilled hot dogs at Archie Stouffer Elementary School's open house on Tuesday, Sept. 20. The open house was an opportunity for parents, grandparents and guardians of students to meet teachers and grab a hot dog and corn on the cob. This once annual event returned after a two-year hiatus due to health and safety measures related to the pandemic.

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Kebin Jones practiced taking shots on the basketball net.



Nathan Woodard and Evan Joanu enjoyed corn on the cob and a hot dog.

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Novel hiking

Awarding-winning novelist, Terry Fallis speaks with hikers while leading the Boots 'n Books hike during the Hike Haliburton.



Chamber challenges all levels of governments

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce requests that government, at all levels, provide a crisis response to the ongoing housing crisis in our county.

The deepening negative impacts upon the community and its local business owners must be factored more heavily than in more traditional times. Delaying, denying, or not utilizing all available resources to address this issue should now come with an acknowledgement that these negative impacts continue to worsen.

"It's a different world now that requires a willingness to change the way and the speed at which things are done. This is about neighbours and friends who are under incredible stress that need to be prioritized in the decision-making and planning processes," said chamber executive director Robert Gaudette.

The lack of attainable primary housing impedes the ability of employers to recruit talent from outside the county. Relocation efforts fail due to the lack of inventory and the feasibility of commuting to the county; compounded by rising energy prices. Immigration focused strategies in filling the labour shortage cannot overcome the inability to house skilled labour within the county. Currently, leaving the sole strategy of re-engaging with community members who have left or are experiencing barriers to the labour market, which is a highly complex and multi-faceted pursuit. Without adequate staffing, owners are working additional hours to offset the lack of employees and/or reduce operations resulting in increased financial stress. The business community requires an imme-

diate and multi-pronged approach to support their recruitment efforts. Their personal and family wellbeing, economic impact and vital contributions to the community are critical to the success of the county.

These issues are barriers to the economic recovery and future growth for these local business operators.

"There are long term implications of the additional workload and stressors upon the business community, including the collateral effects of a reduction in the availability of local products and services, a reduced capacity to serve the tourism needs of its visitors, stress-related physical and mental health impacts, strategic reduction in the reliance on staff in investment and business modelling, and a reduction in the ability to attract new business/investment into the community," said Mark Bell, president of the Board of the Directors.

It is with confidence and optimism that the chamber and its members anticipate government at all levels providing a response equal to the level of crisis being experienced. One that explores incentivization, red tape reduction and the utilization of all available resources. Acknowledging that inaction and delay allow the negative impacts upon the wellbeing of local operators and our local economy to deepen, a recalibration of decision-making weights has become more important than ever.

Submitted by Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce



Fallis leads the Boots 'n Books hike during the Hike Haliburton on Saturday, Sept. 24 in Minden. Fallis, who spoke about his books and inspiration for his work, led his group on a walk from the Minden Community Centre to the historical sites at the Minden Cultural Centre and back. /DARREN LUM Staff



Hike leader Sarah Bell, far left, talks to hikers during the King Beaver Dam Hike, which was part of the Hike Haliburton Festival, on Friday, Sept. 23 at YMCA Wanakita. Bell took hikers on a hike close to two hours and offered information about beavers such as physical characteristic traits and their behaviour before seeing the active beaver dam. There were 31 hikes scheduled for this year between Sept. 23 to 25 throughout the Highlands.



Bell leads hikers back from seeing the beaver dam.

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Bell shows hikers what a beaver's incisor looks like by using a tool to illustrate them.



Hikers make their way from seeing the beaver dam during the King Beaver Dam.



Hikers walk to see the beaver dam.

Rotaract takes over the Highland Yard

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

Rotaract Haliburton Highlands is off and running with become the lead of a long-time fundraiser in the community, the Highland Yard.

Rotaract Haliburton Highlands hosted their first ever public open house at the Abbey Gardens' marquee tent on Wednesday, Sept. 21 to announce the new partnership.

"We are so thrilled to have this group of active young people in the community take over leading the Highland Yard," said Jack Russel, former Highland Yard race director. "It's a lot of hard work, but it's also a lot of fun, and I think you will really enjoy it."

Rotaract Haliburton Highlands was formed in March of 2020 and is a service club for young adults who aim to find solutions to challenges and gaps within the community by lending support and fundraising.

The club had only one in-person meeting in 2020 before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, but they have been able to carry out various community projects and partnerships through meeting virtually, and now in-person, the first and third Wednesday of each month.

"We are really excited to take on this venture and support an event that has played such a large role in the county," said Rotaract Haliburton Highlands president Christine Carr.

Proceeds from the Highland Yard will continue to benefit Places for People, a local

not-for-profit organization that "creates and manages quality affordable rental housing in Haliburton County."

This year was the 50th anniversary of the Highland Yard, and it was a virtual event.

"The outgoing Highland Yard race committee thanks everyone who has participated and helped us raise funds over the years for Places for People's affordable housing efforts. We look forward to the Rotaract race committee taking over next year and a return to an in-person event for the Highland Yard," read a statement on the Highland Yard website.

The Highland Yard is a fundraiser event that features a variety of running races where participants collect pledges.

Russel led some Highland Yard trivia during Rotaract's open house on Thursday with "Highland Yard" sock prizes for those who guessed the answers correctly.

Rotaract Haliburton Highlands is happy about hosting in-person meetings and social gatherings after two years of Zoom meetings.

So far this year, they have participated in Abbey Retreat Centre's Haliburton Highlands Challenge by getting active through disc golf, mini putt, and hikes. They have also performed roadside cleanups along County Road 21, delivered boxes filled with essential items to community members, and partnered with other service groups for fundraisers.

If you're interested in learning more about Rotaract Haliburton Highlands or getting involved, reach out to haliburtonrotaract@gmail.com.

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Local instrumental bands welcome newcomers

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

Musicians in the Haliburton Highlands have a compilation of euphonious bands to choose to join in harmony with.

If you play an instrument, the Highlands Swing Band, Highlands Chamber Orchestra, Highlands Wind Symphony, and the Highlands Concert Band would like to welcome you to join them in their weekly practices of a wide variety of music from classical, musicals, to movie scores.

"We are welcoming anyone who plays an instrument or instruments to come out and have some fun," said Lorie Reddering, co-conductor of Highlands Wind Symphony and former music teacher at both JD Hodgson and Archie Stouffer Elementary Schools.

Each band is accepting new members of any age, and encourage youth and young adults to come out as well.

"There are no instrumental music program in our local schools this year other than guitar class in the high school, so it would be great to have young people come out to play with us since they aren't able to at school," Reddering said.

The groups practice with COVID-19 safety as a top priority in both Lakeside Baptist Church and the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

There is no fee to be part of any of the bands.



Trumpets played in unison while practicing with the Highlands Concert Band. /VIVAN COLLINGS Staff

Christmas concerts are performed each year, and these groups have been making the Highlands alive with the sound of music for close to 30 years. The Highlands Concert

Band is conducted by Glen Carter, the Highlands Orchestra and Highlands Swing Band are conducted by Dan Manley, and the Highlands Wind Symphony is conducted by Carter, Manley, and Reddering.

If you are interested in joining one of the local instrumental bands, contact l.reddering@

gmail.com, glencarter1079@gmail.com, or daniel@manley.name.

"Music is important in people's lives. It's so fun to get together and create beautiful music in a room of others who love it as much as you do," Reddering said.

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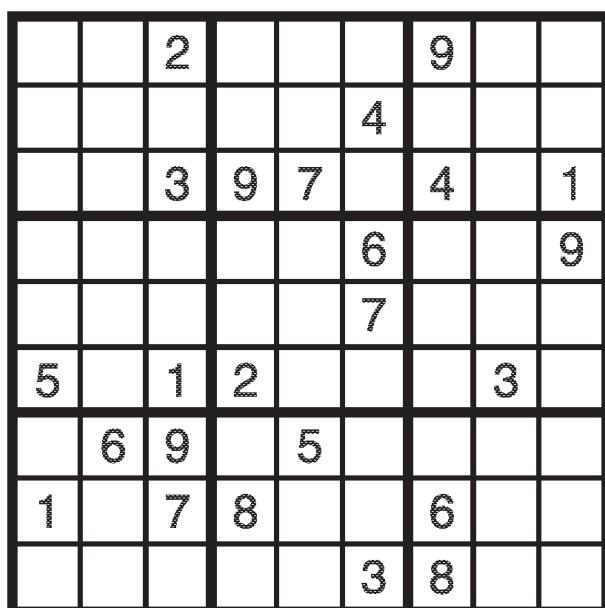
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Answers on page 14



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School of Rock being staged by Camexicanus

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

Finding a theatrical experience to enhance youth development is well underway thanks to the Camexicanus' ambition to stage School of Rock The Musical.

At its heart, the School of Rock is a story about being true to who you are and not caring what societal expectations there are as far as conformity. Well known by fans of Hollywood actor Jack Black, who starred in the feature length movie with the same name from 2003, the story is about a struggling guitarist who is left needing work and takes a job teaching music to students.

Co-founder and director of Camexicanus Greg Sadlier said they chose to stage School of Rock because the story is about how a group of young people are misunderstood, overlooked or ignored by adults in their lives and how individual adults can make a difference by supporting and fostering growth, which is what he and his staff attempt to do.

"It really resonates with what we do ... wow, this is us. This

is what we do and, really, that shines through even more so in the musical than the movie. It really does get deeper I think. Where it is about the journey of these kids discovering who they are, despite their surroundings. And I think that is going to be mirrored in the experience of our kids," Sadlier said.

Camexicanus held School of Rock auditions recently and currently has 14 cast members, but Sadlier said there are still spots available.

"We'll make a spot," he said.

He added they double-cast certain roles to ensure there was more opportunity for people to be able to participate.

Darian Willis, assistant director and student leader with Camexicanus, said this is a unique opportunity for young people to grow.

"It takes a lot of encouraging and pushing kids to get to that point. So, the fact that we already have so many kids that are ready, willing and able just to jump in and are ready to take on big roles. I think it's really important that each and everyone of them get a good role," he said.

He adds for youth these kinds of experiences are important because it builds self-confidence by getting youth to try new things and get out of their comfort zone.

Among the other benefits of this musical is how it brings together youth from all kinds of backgrounds, which includes the rep hockey player and possibly a child that doesn't love hockey, but loves to act. It can "shake up the paradigm," Sadlier said.

Any perceived social structures disappear, he added.

Providing the inspiration for youth is at the foundation of the Music2gether music lessons, which are private "pay what you can" lessons (in vocal, electric and acoustic guitar, theory, piano and drums) for anyone from Grade 1 to 12 after school. Adults are also encouraged to participate in lessons, which are \$20 and help to support the children's offering happening weekly in Haliburton at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Tuesdays, at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden on Wednesdays and at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce on Thursdays. Lessons are 30 minutes and the duration of time is from the end of school until early evening, which can be close to 7 p.m.

Camexicanus has grown a lot from only offering several

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— CAMEXICANUS CO-FOUNDER GREG SADLIER

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programs to only a couple dozen of local children and youth to 180 children and youth all over the province. Sadlier said the programming has been modelled after examples from around the world. In particular, the pay what you can music lessons being offered to children and adults this year is an idea from Mexico. The learning that takes place by all ages is central and fosters an atmosphere that learning is a lifelong pursuit.

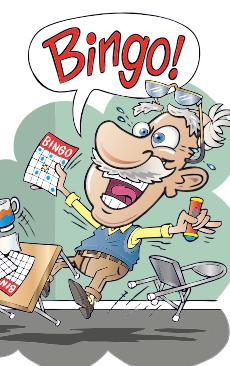
An open stage opportunity for young people is courtesy of Camexicanus, who will be at this weekend's Colourfest enabling performances of all kinds at the bandshell in Head Lake Park at 6:30 p.m.

School of Rock performances are expected at the end of November. Purchase tickets and see specific dates on Camexicanus' website camexicanus.ca.

For more information and to register for the music lessons see www.camexicanus.ca or email info@camexicanus.ca.

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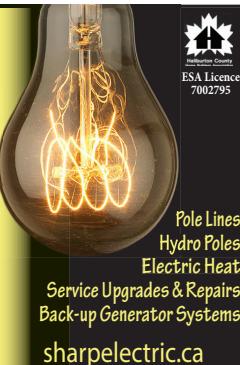
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Lesley Milbourne and Chris Graham plant the 12th and final tree to complete the Minden Peace Grove at a ceremony last Thursday. The Peace Grove symbolizes Canada's commitment to world peace and environmental protection. Minden's deputy-reeve Lewis Stevens said park benches and picnic tables may be added. See story page 2.

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Future of hospital still concerns council

Minden Council will continue to pursue confirmation of a meeting with the board of St. Joseph's General Hospital.

The matter was again brought to the table at last Thursday's council meeting when councillor Lewis Stevens commented on a letter he recently received from board chairman Melvin Johnson.

The letter was in response to earlier correspondence from Stevens, who expressed his personal feelings about the future of the Minden Hospital. Johnson's response mentions Lewis' concerns but offers no new insight into the board's plans for the hospital.

"All he's done is highlighted everything I had in my memo," said Stevens. Council must continue to pursue a meeting with the board. And, he added, council has to be well prepared when a meeting is arranged.

Although local MPP Dennis Drainville has promised that the Minden Hospital will not be closed, council members have expressed concern about the level of service the facility will provide in the future. Council has written to Drainville asking for assurance that there will be no reduction in services.

In the mean time, a study is underway by the planning and development committee which is to examine long-term and acute care needs in the county. A fundraising drive has been initiated by a local group and the Minden Rotary Club has committed \$125,000 for acute and long-term care facilities in

the Minden area.

Commenting on the study, Stevens said the primary focus is on long term care. "I'm more concerned with the Minden Hospital than with long-term care," he said. "We should be looking to do something."

Later in the meeting, Reeve Bern Berry brought the issue to the floor again. Responding to the downturn in local construction, he said the construction of a new hospital could provide jobs for local tradesmen.

Berry, who also sits on the planning and development committee, suggested that a new, centrally-located hospital would solve two problems. The county owns property at the Alsaw flats, he said, which is suitable for a 40-bed hospital.

"I'd like some higher level of government to inject some money into this county," said Berry. A large construction project would go a long way in easing the county's unemployment rate, which is hovering around 30 per cent. He noted that the county intends to build new offices, but that project is on hold.

"It's scary," he said, referring to the downturn in construction. "I don't know what we'll do. The only thing is the county building and it's a long way off."

Berry again suggested his hospital proposal would help matters. "Maybe it's the thing to do instead of studies. We need some employment in Haliburton County."

Yes...no....or maybe

Opposing sides debate Constitutional Accord at the high school

A "yes" vote on the constitution will lead to civil war. Or, it will strengthen the ties that bind this country. It all depends on which side of the argument you tend to believe.

Haliburton residents had a chance to gain some new insight into both sides of the arguments last Thursday during a debate at the high school. Barry Devolin and Munroe Scott presented the "no" arguments while David Bishop and Guy Scott argued in favour of the Charlottetown Accord.

"This constitution is a recipe for civil war," Munroe Scott told the large gathering. It creates ethnic governments by granting the right of self government to Canada's Aboriginal peoples, he said. "Canada is possibly the most ethnic country in the world." He cautioned that this agreement gives ethnic governments the power to utilize the notwithstanding clause which governs the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. "This is a recipe for civil war entrenched in the constitution," he warned.

Bishop, on the other hand, expressed his belief in the strength of Canada. "I have an ingrained childhood belief in the strength of Canada." He said this country has an abundance of resources which bode well for a promising future.

Bishop, who is a member of the county's "YES to Canada" committee, said he suspects special interest groups are behind the "no" vote arguments. Self interest groups are distrustful of the democratic process of working out the details, he said.

The "YES" committee "are just people," said Bishop. We're not movers or shakers." He said the special interest groups on the "no" side are "daring you and I." He said they want to convince people to vote "no" in order to benefit their own interests.

Devolin argued to the contrary. He notes the make-up of the "no" side bridges all political parties. There are Reformers, Liberals, Conservatives and New Democrats on both sides of the argument, he said.

He also commented on the generated fear of being unpatriotic with a "no" vote. Former Prime Minister Pierre



Guy Scott (right) emphasizes a "yes" point at the debate while Chris Hodgson looks on.

Trudeau's argument in opposition to the accord is proof of this, he said.

"Whatever you believe about Trudeau, he had a vision for Canada," said Devolin. His public opposition to the accord demonstrates that it is not anti-Canadian to say no.

Devolin also commented on special rights being granted to groups. "I don't believe we should have different sets of rules for different people." This accord will give special rights to Anglos, French, Quebecois and Aboriginal peoples, he said.

A constitution is supposed to come from the people to outline the manner in which governments work, said Devolin. This accord was designed by governments and put to the people for a non-binding vote.

"Somehow this has all been turned upside down," Devolin contends, and the result is an accord that favours governments. He said the notwithstanding clause allows individual governments to opt out of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

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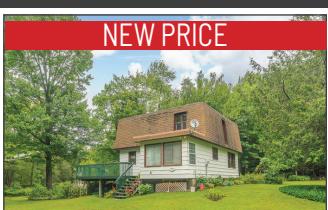




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